

# Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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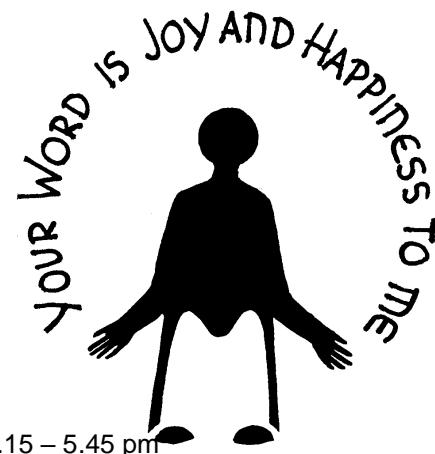
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## Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year

Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Pamela Simblett RIP
		10.30 am	Michael Farrell RIP
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	John Iago RIP
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Colette Devlin RIP
		7.00 pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Donna
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Christie
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Bridget Cleere RIP
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	Elizabeth Daisy Wratschko RIP
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.15 am	Jeffrey Baker RIP
		10.30 am	Pater Lane RIP

**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm



**TODAY'S READINGS:** Numbers 11:25-29, James 5: 1-6, Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £284    Digital collection £69    Home Missions: £114    Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, which is on Friday.

This may be Gift Aided using ONLY the special CAFOD envelopes available in both porches

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Sienna Coates, Franca Villa, Joan Williams, Kathleen Brennan, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin. Siobhan Isaacs, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Anne O'Halloran, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, Liz Harvey, John Smith, Mick Brouder, Eileen Beech, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Joan Cutmore, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Martine Jackson, Neville Shopland, Tom McErlean, Alice Perry, Edna Whitehouse, Margaret Hollander, Allan Bradbury, Sophia Kapture, Walter Storey, Josephine Shorten-Rule, Arthur Oakley, Cecily Grundon, Rosa Champ, David Tuttlebee, Annie Churchill, Mary Tremayne, Billy Gallagher. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS** to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

**4. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – Climate Crisis Appeal.** Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, please donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](#) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, [cafod.org.uk/climate](http://cafod.org.uk/climate).

**5. ST OSCAR ROMERO OPEN EVENING** - St Oscar Romero Open Evening - Wednesday, 6th October- 6pm.

St Oscar Romero is a thriving Catholic secondary school, rated 'Outstanding' in every category in our Diocesan Inspection, offering a first class education. You are warmly invited to our Open Evening on Wednesday, 6th October at 6pm. Open Morning tours are also available on October 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th & 15th at 9am and can be booked via Eventbrite.

**6. PLEASE REMEMBER** to be sure to follow the COVID rules, masks, hand-sanitiser, social distancing, taking all papers away with you, hymn books returned to either porch AND, most importantly, going to Holy Communion row by row – out one end of the bench and back by the other end. *We need welcomers and people to collect up the hymn books and leave them in neat piles on the table after 6.00 pm Mass and away in the cupboards after 10.30 Mass. Could that be you?*

**7. APF RED BOX HOLDERS** please return your red boxes for counting. You can leave them in the Front Porch for Teresa to collect and count. If you have difficulty bringing the box to church please phone 243401 and we will arrange collection

**8. REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 MASS** have returned. TRAIDCRAFT will return on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Friendship in the Barn will return on Friday 8th October. It would be great to hear from more volunteers for any of these activities.

**9. GRANDPARENTS' GROUPS:** Within the Diocese we have several active grandparent groups who gather to pray for their grandchildren and to share the highs and lows of this stage of life. Remember when you joined toddler groups when your children were young, to find likeminded people and unlimited support ? It's a bit like that, chat over issues such as how to help your Grandchildren without upsetting your own children...or their spouse !! How to pass on your faith and find strength in praying about it all together. If you are interested in joining or creating a group in you parish please do contact Katherine Bergin at [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk)

**10. MARY'S MEALS:** We need Toothpaste, Flannels and serviceable towels (any size). If you have sandals, flip-flops, trainers, shoes – age 3 – 14 years only - that still have life in them please place them in the collection container for Mary's Meals in the West Porch. They are much needed. Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks as they enable children to go to school and be fed a nourishing meal.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS:** The Legion of Mary came into being 100 years ago, in September 1921. Today over three million people world-wide are members of the Legion of Mary. They attend weekly meetings in over 170 countries and undertake to fulfil a minimum weekly obligation of two hours voluntary work in some form of service to others decided at the weekly meeting. The work is done in pairs and it often consists of people in hospital visiting or in their homes. There is not a single person in the organisation paid for their involvement.

The Legion of Mary was founded by an Irish Civil Servant, Frank Duff who was born in Dublin in 1889. When he entered the Civil Service in 1908 he was assigned to the Irish Land Commission – a key department in the United Kingdom's government. He moved to the Department of Finance when it was established by the Irish Free State in 1924 and remained there until he resigned in 1934 to devote himself full-time to the work of the Legion. His 26 years as a Civil Servant helped him to develop his organisational skills and resulted in him having a network of friendships that would be vital in the growth of the Legion.

In 1913 a colleague invited Frank to a meeting of the Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP). The SVP brought Frank face to face with the extreme poverty and squalor of the Dublin tenements. At the time membership of the SVP was confined to men. Some women asked if they could do similar work. A group of these women, mostly very young, met with Frank Duff and a priest, Father Michael Tohen to organise visits to the women's wards of the South Dublin Union Hospital. They began their meetings with the Rosary. This was the first meeting of the Association of Our Lady of Mercy, soon to be called the Legion of Mary. An office cleaner, Elizabeth Kirkran, was appointed the first President. Women would continue to assume leadership roles on an equal footing with men.

From that small group, other groups sprang. Frank Duff was greatly influenced by a classic book on Marian Spirituality – True Devotion to Mary by St Louis-Marie de Montfort. It would become the cornerstone of Legion Spirituality. The Legion adopted the organisational names of the old Roman Legions. The basic group became known as a 'praesidium'. In 1922 the Sancta Maria Hostel was opened by the Legion as a refuge for women who were destitute. They opened the Morning Star Hostel in 1927 for homeless men and the Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) Hostel for homeless women in 1930. Among the early residents of the Regina Caeli were an unmarried mother and her child. Frank Duff was passionate in his belief that a way should be found to allow single mothers to keep and rear their children – a revolutionary view at the time. In 1928 the first branch of the Legion outside Ireland was established, in Scotland. The first praesidium in England was started in 1929 in Brook Green Parish, in London. In 1931 the Legion started in India. Duff was emphatic about racial integration. The spread of the Legion intensified following the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932. Over the following decades a system of Legion envoys was developed. A Legionary would travel to a particular country or area for some years. The best known envoys were Edith Quinn in East and Central Africa and Alfie Lambe in South America. Frank Duff wrote the first Legion of Mary Handbook in 1928, setting out its objectives, methods and theology. Sales of the Handbook are counted in millions and it has been translated in about 100 languages. The essence of the Legion is the theology of the Church as the Body of Christ. Christ depends on his members. Mary who brought Christ into the world now brings Christ to the world through the members of his Body. Duff was constantly engaging in new initiatives. The Mercier Society, (later known as the Pauline Circle) is an interdenominational Christian group and the Pillar of Fire Society, launched during the Second World War, fostered relationships with the Jewish Community. Patrician Groups have monthly meetings with prayer and a discussion on a religious topic.

A high point for the Legion was the invitation to Frank Duff to attend the fourth and final session of the Second Vatican Council – nearly 60 years ago now. The Belgium Cardinal, Leo Suerens, who was a great champion of the Legion describes the scene: 'When Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, who held the floor at the moment Frank took his place announced the fact to the assembly. The 2,500 bishops rose to give him a warm and moving ovation. It was an unforgettable moment. The thanks of the universal Church to the pioneer of the Lay Apostolate.'

In 1980 – shortly after the visit of Pope John Paul to Ireland, Frank Duff gave a talk to the Pauline Circle, just months before his death. To the surprise of those present he said that the Church in Ireland was sinking into the grip of winter – but, he declared, that one day spring would come.

Until about 10 years ago there was a praesidium of the Legion of Mary in our parish, With the passage of time most of the members were finding it very difficult to keep going. Membership was very small and most were becoming quite frail. On the Centenary of the Legion we pay tribute to the members of this parish who reached out to so many over the years, who valued their prayers and visits and good works. The Legion came into being at a very unpromising time in Ireland. Within a few weeks of its founding the country was partitioned and a bitter Civil War followed but the Legion continued to grow – as it still does in many parts of the world – as it seeks 'to kindle everywhere the fires of Divine Love.'